

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF KENTUCKY
AT LOUISVILLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

PLAINTIFF

v.

CRIMINAL ACTION NO.: 3:09CR-85-S

KAREN CUNAGIN SYPHER

DEFENDANT

JUROR QUESTIONNAIRE

This juror questionnaire has been prepared for your completion, and has been approved by the Court. The questionnaire is a matter of public record. However, your name will be kept confidential until after the trial of this case. Your juror number will be used to identify you and your responses for the court and the attorneys. Please answer each question as completely and as accurately as you can. There are no right or wrong answers to any of the questions, please answer thoughtfully, thoroughly, and candidly. Your answers will have the effect of a statement given to the court under oath.

If there is not sufficient space provided for your full answer, please use the blank pages provided at the end of the questionnaire to complete your answer.

You are not to do any independent research or inquiry into this case. You should not look up the case or any information about it on the internet or in any newspapers or magazines. You should not ask others what they know about this case or what they think of it.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to the court within ten (10) days in the stamped, addressed envelope which has been included for this purpose.

CHARLES R. SIMPSON III
JUDGE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

JUROR NUMBER

PART A

Please note: If you need more space to complete any of your answers, there are blank pages included at the end of this questionnaire for your use.

DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. What is your race? _____

2. What is your gender?

_____ Male

_____ Female

3. What is your marital status (Check all that apply):

_____ Single

_____ Married

_____ Separated

_____ Divorced

_____ Living with Partner

4. In what county do you live? _____

5. If you have lived in another county, state, or country in the last two years, where have you lived, with approximate dates? _____

6. a. Where are you currently employed and what do you do there? _____

b. If you are not employed, who was your last employer, and when were you last employed?

c. Please describe any other responsibilities you have, such as childcare, school, etc: _____

7. What other kinds of jobs have you had in the past? _____

8. Please complete the following for any other adults living in your household:

Adult # 1

Relationship to you: _____
His/her employer/school: _____
Job duties/area of study: _____
Past employment: _____
Highest level of education: _____

Adult # 2

Relationship to you: _____
His/her employer/school: _____
Job duties/area of study: _____
Past employment: _____
Highest level of education: _____

If there are more than two other adults living in your household, please provide the information above for them on the pages found at the end of the questionnaire.

EDUCATION, SPECIAL SKILLS AND OCCUPATION

9. What is the highest grade you completed in school? (Check one)

- ___ 8th Grade or below
___ Above 8th but below 12th Grade.
___ 12th Grade or GED
___ College 1 year
___ College 2 years
___ College 3 years
___ College 4 years
___ Post Graduate

10. If you attended school after high school, please complete the following:
- Write the names of the colleges or technical schools you attended: _____

 - What was your major course of study? _____

 - Are you presently a student?
 _____ Yes
 _____ No
 If "Yes," what are you studying? _____

11. Please circle any of the following fields in which you have experience or training, then describe your training or experience in the following blank lines.

Auditing/Compliance	Legal	Coaching Sports	Government
Ethics		Forensics	Health Care/Medicine
Law Enforcement		Psychiatry	Psychology
Social Work		Religion	Sociology

Please describe the experiences or training that you circled: _____

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION

12. Are you a member of, or do you attend, any church, synagogue, mosque, or place of worship?
- _____ Yes
 _____ No
- If "Yes," which one? _____
 - How often do you attend? _____

c. What positions do you hold, and in what activities do you or your family participate?

d. How would you describe the general views of your religious organization on social issues?

- ___ Conservative
___ Moderate
___ Liberal or progressive
___ Broad enough to accommodate many viewpoints

e. Are you a member of or do you participate in any other groups or activities associated with a particular religion or philosophy other than the one mentioned above?

- ___ Yes
___ No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

13. How important is your faith to you? Would you say it is

- ___ Extremely important and I make major life decisions based on my faith
___ Important, but I consider other issues too
___ Not very important in my daily life

JURY SERVICE

14. Please respond to the following:

a. Have you served on a jury before?

- ___ Yes
___ No

b. If "Yes," which kind of jury have you served on?

☐ Civil
☐ Criminal
☐ Both

c. Please fill in the information for each CRIMINAL jury you have been on:

	<u>Case #1</u>	<u>Case #2</u>	<u>Case #3</u>
Type of Case	_____	_____	_____
How long ago?	_____	_____	_____
Reach Verdict?	_____ Yes _____ No	_____ Yes _____ No	_____ Yes _____ No
What was the verdict?	_____	_____	_____
Were you the foreperson?	_____ Yes _____ No	_____ Yes _____ No	_____ Yes _____ No

d. If other than criminal:

Type of Case _____
When _____

e. In general, how much did you participate in that jury's decision? (Check one)

☐ Less than other jurors
☐ More than other jurors
☐ About the same as other jurors

f. What stands out in your mind about your jury experience, whether positive or negative, or both: _____

15. Other than your prior jury service, have you ever been interested in the outcome of any criminal case?

☐ Yes
☐ No

If "Yes," please state which case or cases you were interested in and why you were

interested. For instance, were you interested because of something in the newspapers, television, books, or something you heard? _____

16. Have you or your spouse ever been a grand juror?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please describe briefly: _____

PRIOR EXPERIENCE WITH THE LEGAL SYSTEM AND THE COURTS

17. Have you or anyone close to you held a job or applied for a job with a law enforcement agency or served in a volunteer capacity – for example, as a police officer, constable, deputy sheriff, investigator, clerk or secretary in a police department?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please describe: _____

18. Have you, your spouse, or any member of your family, or a friend, ever worked in a prison, a jail or detention center, or for a security agency, a detective agency, or other law enforcement position?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," list position and date(s) held: _____

19. Do you know anyone who works for any prosecutor's office, now or in the past, in any capacity? (For example, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Commonwealth Attorney's Office, a County Attorney's Office, a D.A.'s Office, etc. as a lawyer, secretary, clerk, investigator, etc.)

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

20. Do you know anyone in the criminal defense field, including attorneys, investigators, law clerks, paralegals, or secretaries?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

21. Have you or anyone close to you ever been employed by or volunteered with a victim's support or advocacy group, or a group that advocates changes in the criminal laws (this would include a rape crisis center or hotline, etc.)?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

22. Have you or anyone close to you ever been a witness in a criminal case?

_____ Yes
_____ No
_____ I think so
_____ I don't know

If "Yes" or "I think so," please briefly state details: _____

PERSONAL BELIEFS AND AFFILIATIONS

23. Do you consider yourself (please check one):

- ☐ Very liberal
- ☐ Somewhat liberal
- ☐ Middle of the road
- ☐ Somewhat conservative
- ☐ Very conservative

24. What political groups, foundations, and action committees do you belong to or do you support? _____

25. List any bumper stickers or decals on any vehicle in your household, or any bumper stickers that come immediately to mind that you like or admire: _____

26. Please list any organizations or groups of which you are a member or attend meetings or with which you volunteer. This includes church or religious organizations, professional, political, social service, community, special interest, hobby, sports or recreational groups:

27. Some persons have religious, philosophical, or other reasons that lead them to believe that they cannot sit in judgment of another person. Do you hold any belief that would make it difficult or impossible for you to judge the facts of the case, judge the credibility of witnesses, and vote on whether the defendant is guilty or not guilty of each crime charged?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

28. Did you or any close family member attend and/or graduate from the University of Louisville?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes please list the identity of person (including self), your relationship to the person (if other than self), year(s) attended, degree obtained, if any: _____

29. Have you or any close family member contributed financially to the University of Louisville within the last 5 years through gifts, donations, or other financial contribution?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes please describe the nature and circumstances of the financial contribution: _____

30. Do you or close family members hold season tickets or frequently attend any University of Louisville sporting events?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If yes what sporting events: _____

31. Have you attended a sporting or other event at the University of Louisville within the last 2 years?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

PUBLICITY ABOUT THIS CASE

In this case, Karen Cunagin Sypher is charged with making threatening communications with an intent to extort, making false statements to the FBI, and retaliating against a person for reporting a crime. The charges themselves are not to be considered as evidence. The alleged victim of some of the alleged crimes is Rick Pitino, who is currently the basketball coach for the University of Louisville. There has been some publicity about this case. It is not at all improper for you to have heard or read about this case, or to have had discussions and expressed thoughts and opinions about it. We simply need to know what you have read, heard, or discussed or thought about the case.

32. If you have heard or read anything about this case, please indicate where you heard or read about it. (Check all that apply)

☐ Television news
☐ Television programs other than news
☐ Radio news
☐ Newspaper
☐ Magazines
☐ Books
☐ Internet or email
☐ Conversations

33. How would you describe the amount of media coverage you have seen about this case?

☐ Very much (went out of your way to read about it and watch news accounts of it)
☐ Quite a bit (read a few articles or watched a few television specials)
☐ Not too much (just basic coverage on the nightly news or morning news)
☐ None or hardly at all (just heard about it)

34. When was the last time you saw or heard any media coverage about this case? _____

35. Please tell us everything you remember reading about the case in the newspaper or hearing or seeing about the case on television, the radio, or the internet or from any source:

36. What comments, if any, do you recall hearing made in the media by any officials, prosecutors, law enforcement officers, or defense attorneys? _____

37. What kinds of things have you heard people in the community say about this case concerning Karen Cunagin Sypher or Rick Pitino? _____

38. What kinds of things have you said in conversation about this case concerning Karen Cunagin Sypher or Rick Pitino? _____

39. What else do you know, or think you may know, about this case? _____

40. Based on what you have read, heard, seen or discussed about this case, have you formed an opinion about whether Karen Cunagin Sypher is guilty or not guilty of the charges against her?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If "Yes," what is your opinion? _____

41. For any reason, do you have any strong opinion or feeling about Rick Pitino, either positive or negative?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “Yes,” please describe your opinions or feelings: _____

42. For any reason, do you have any strong opinion or feeling about the defendant, Karen Cunagin Sypher, either positive or negative?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “Yes,” please describe your opinions or feelings: _____

43. As a result of having been asked to fill out this questionnaire, have you now formed any opinions about this case?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “Yes,” please explain: _____

PART B

The following questions may be of a sensitive nature. If you feel that one or more of the questions touch on personal matters such that answering in a public setting would cause you embarrassment or emotional trauma, you may request to provide these answers privately. In order to request to provide a private response, do not make a written response but place an asterisk (*) next to such question or questions. The court will receive your private answers in chambers with counsel present and with a court reporter who will make a record of the proceeding. The court may order that the transcript of the proceeding be sealed on a temporary or permanent basis.

44. Have you, any member of your family, or a close acquaintance, ever been arrested or accused of a crime?

_____ Yes
_____ No
_____ I think so
_____ I don't know

If "Yes" or "I think so" please state details: _____

45. Have you, any member of your family, or a close friend ever been the victim of any type of sexual assault, including rape?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please briefly describe details of the crime: _____

46. Have you or anyone close to you ever been accused of sexual assault of any kind?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please briefly describe details: _____

47. Have you or anyone close to you ever been *falsely* accused of sexual assault of any kind?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “Yes,” please briefly describe details: _____

48. Have you or anyone close to you ever been the victim of a crime *other than* sexual assault that was reported to police?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “Yes,” were you satisfied with the way the police handled the case?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If you were not satisfied with the way the police handled the case, please explain why:

49. Have you or anyone close to you ever been investigated by the FBI?

_____ Yes
_____ No

a. If “Yes,” please explain the circumstance briefly: _____

b. If you or someone close to you was investigated by the FBI, do you believe that the FBI treated you or the other person fairly?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “No,” please explain your answer: _____

50. a. Have you or anyone close to you ever been investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department (including what was formerly Louisville Police Department and Jefferson County Police Department)?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “Yes,” please explain the circumstance briefly: _____

- b. If you or someone close to you was investigated by the Louisville Metro Police Department (including what was formerly Louisville Police Department and Jefferson County Police Department), do you believe that the police treated you or the other person fairly?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “No,” please explain your answer: _____

51. Have you ever had a pleasant or an unpleasant experience involving a law enforcement officer, including the filing of a complaint or writing a letter or making a statement in support of a law enforcement officer?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If “Yes,” please explain: _____

52. Have you ever been questioned by or given a statement to the police or an investigator of any kind, other than for a traffic accident?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If “Yes,” please explain the circumstances: _____

53. Have you ever given an affidavit, deposition, or testimony of any kind under oath or in a court proceeding or related matter?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If “Yes,” please explain the circumstances: _____

54. Do you have strong personal, religious or philosophical feelings or convictions about abortion?

_____ Yes

_____ No

If “Yes,” please describe your feelings or convictions about abortion: _____

55. Which statement(s) below best describes how you would feel about a person if you learned she had an abortion? (Check all that apply, more than one if appropriate)

_____ That person committed murder and should be treated like a criminal

_____ I would want to have nothing to do with that person

_____ I would think less of that person, but would not necessarily shun that person

_____ What that person did was wrong, but they should be forgiven

_____ Any decision about abortion is private and not my business

_____ My opinion of that person would not be affected

_____ Abortion is legal and does not reflect upon a person’s character

56. If a pregnant woman had an abortion and the father consented to her having the abortion, would your feelings about the father differ in any way from your feelings about the mother?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please describe your feelings: _____

57. This case will involve evidence that certain persons had extramarital sexual relations. Which statement(s) below best describes how you would feel about a person if you learned that a person had extramarital sexual relations outside of marriage? (Check all that apply, more than one if appropriate)

_____ Sex outside of marriage is a sin
_____ If I knew a person had sex outside of marriage, I would never believe anything he or she said
_____ Sex outside of marriage is wrong, but does not tell me much about that person other than he or she does not control his or her sexual urges
_____ What people do in their sex lives is their business and no one else's

58. If a married person has sex with an unmarried person, do you think the married person may be more at fault than the unmarried person, or do you think they are both equally at fault?

59. When it comes to extramarital sex, does your opinion differ in any way for men and women?

_____ Yes
_____ No

If "Yes," please describe your opinion briefly: _____

OTHER

60. Is there any reason that you feel would cause you to be unable to serve as a juror for approximately two weeks beginning on July 26, 2010?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know/no opinion

If "Yes," please explain: _____

61. Do you have any health problems (sight, hearing, emotional, etc.) which may affect your service as a juror?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If "Yes," briefly state the nature of your health problem: _____

62. Do you have any medical conditions that require regular or frequent medication or medical care and attention?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If "Yes," please explain: _____

63. Please list below anything you believe the court and the lawyers should know about yourself that you think is important with reference to your ability to serve as a juror in this criminal case. _____

I HEREBY SWEAR THAT THE RESPONSE(S) AND INFORMATION PROVIDED
HEREIN ARE TRUE AND CORRECT.

JUROR INITIALS

JUROR NUMBER

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